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1. As a result of a decision of the DDR cabinet, the Ministry for Postal Affairs and Telecommunications has ordered that all DDR authorities, public offices, VEB concerns, "democratic" parties and organizations may no longer post their mail in letterboxes, but instead must deliver it to the postal authorities through an accredited representative.
2. This is to be done to prevent Western offices and organizations from sending mail or literature under the cover of official DDR envelopes. The volume of Western mail so camouflaged had increased so considerably recently that the DDR apparently could no longer put up with it.
3. There was a choice of censoring mail from the above-mentioned offices, which would have delayed the mail considerably however. Therefore it was decided to give the afore-mentioned measure a trial.

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